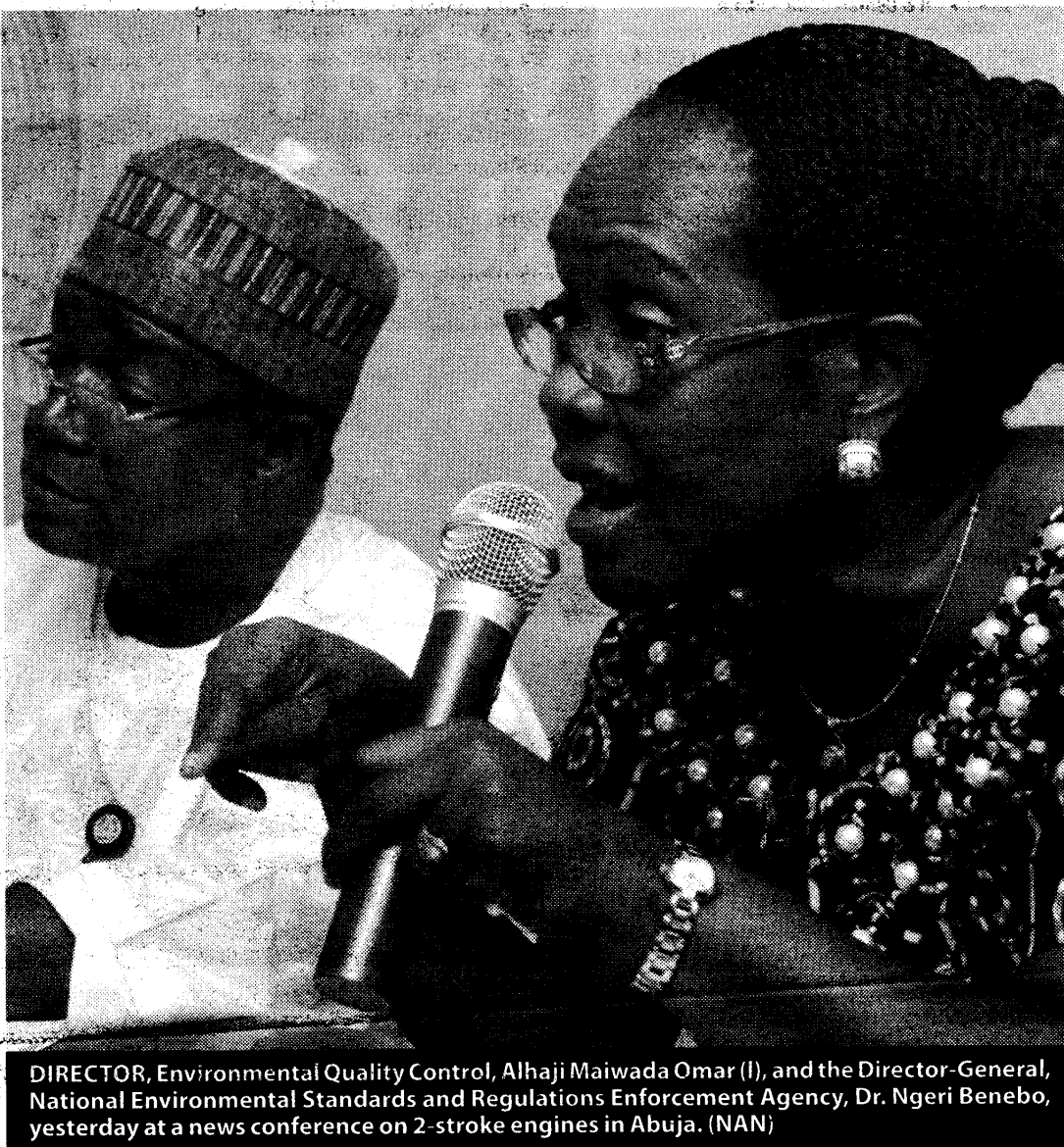


of the Year to be picked today

investigator, Thuli Madonsela. The winner will be announced after the committee's deliberations this evening and the award will be presented early next year. This marks a significant deviation from the

three previous awards where the winner was not made public until the award presentation ceremony in January of the succeeding year. The selection committee also has Prof. Aboulaye Bathily from

Senegal, Prof. Kwame Karikari from Ghana, Prof. Tandeka Nkiwane from South Africa, Prof. Okello Oculi from Uganda, Mak. Kaniru Yusuf from Nigeria and the secretary, Ms. Muthoni Wanyeki from Kenya.



DIRECTOR, Environmental Quality Control, Alhaji Maiwada Omar (l), and the Director-General, National Environmental Standards and Regulations Enforcement Agency, Dr. Ngeri Benebo, yesterday at a news conference on 2-stroke engines in Abuja. (NAN)

Military gets 144 generals

Misbahu Bashir

A total of 144 newly promoted generals in the military were decorated with their rank insignias yesterday in Abuja. The officers cut across the army, navy and the air force. Twenty officers promoted to the ranks of Major Generals, 11 Air Vice Marshals and 11 Rear Admirals

were decorated together by the Ministers of Defence Bello Haliru Mohammed and Erelu Olusola Obada. The Air Force had earlier decorated 42 newly promoted Air Commodores while the army has decorated 20 Brigadier Generals. Also, a total of 40 Commodores in the Navy were decorated at a short ceremony in Abuja yesterday. The

Chief of Air Staff, Air Marshal Mohammed Umar said during the decoration exercise in Abuja that the newly promoted officers have passed all necessary stipulated tests by the Air Force Board including good performance recommendation. He said the objective of the promotion exercise was to motivate officers.

Nasarawa: Two feared killed in raid on village

Hir Joseph, Lafia

RENEWED hostilities between Tiv farmers and Fulani nomads, yesterday continued when two persons were said to have been killed, and two others kidnapped in a raid that lasted several minutes in Angwan Yara, a village in the Giza Development Area of Nasarawa State.

Violence broke out between the two ethnic groups, penultimate week, hitting various communities of Giza and Ekye development areas of Nasarawa State, and those of Guma Local Government Area in neighbouring Benue State. Dozens have being reported to have being killed, and

hundreds displaced, but police authorities in Nasarawa have confirmed only three. The police have also said they have restored normalcy, and returned peace there. But Angwan Yaara village was hit by late afternoon of yesterday in what eyewitnesses said was a major setback on the resettlement process.

"Two people were killed, and they kidnapped two boys, one of them called Andrew Gbatar," said a villager who spoke to *Weekly Trust* on phone. The Area Commander of the Police in Lafia, who oversees the entire Nasarawa-South, Musa Sammy, said he could not get any confirmation from his men on ground.